

**SPECIAL MEETING  
AGENDA  
October 27, 2010 @ 10:30 AM  
(Revised 10/25/10 at 5:00 PM)**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Consider adopting a resolution in remembrance of Mr. Johnny Melancon
- V. Consider appointing a member to the Board of Commissioners to replace the late Johnny Melancon, Seat G
- VI. Consider adopting a proclamation ordering a special election and setting dates and qualifying periods for same
- VII. Election of Treasurer
- VIII. Consider approving DOTD Resolution to Advertise for Slip B 1871 LF Bulkhead project
- IX. Public Comment
- X. Adjournment

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE GREATER LAFOURCHE PORT COMMISSION  
October 27, 2010

The Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission met in special session on Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at 10:30 AM.

President Griffin called the meeting to order and Secretary Collins called roll.

ATTENDED: Chuckie Cheramie, Perry Gisclair, Jimmy Lafont, Wilbert Collins, Donald Vizier, Larry Griffin, Jimmy Guidry, and Ervin Bruce

ABSENT: John Melancon

President Griffin presented for the board's consideration to adopt a resolution in remembrance of Mr. Johnny Melancon. Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously adopted the resolution which Director Chiasson read as follows: *"Whereas, the Members of the Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission have learned in deep regret and sorrow of the death of John J. Melancon, Sr. ("Johnny") on October 18, 2010; and Whereas, Johnny served his community through his contributions to the business community, particularly through the boat industry; and Whereas, Johnny served the Port Commission as a member since January, 1995 and has served as Vice President, President, and the last 6 ½ years as Treasurer; Whereas, it is the desire of the Members of the Board of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission to express to Johnny's wife, family and friends, its deep and sincere sympathies during this time of grief and sorrow. Therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission that the Members thereof do express to Johnny's wife, family and friends their sincere and heartfelt regret and condolences at the death of Johnny. Be it further resolved that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Johnny's wife and family as a small symbol of love and respect from the Members of the Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission."*

Upon motion by Perry Gisclair and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board unanimously approved appointing a member to the Board of Commissioners to replace the late Johnny Melancon, Seat G as required by law within 10 days of the vacancy through nominations and a roll call vote. The floor was then open for nominations. President Griffin nominated John Melancon, Jr. which was seconded by Donald Vizier. With no other nominations, nominations were closed. The board then had a roll call vote to appoint John Melancon, Jr. to Seat G which resulted in 8 yeas by Cheramie, Gisclair, Lafont, Vizier, Collins, Griffin, Guidry, Bruce and 1 absent by Melancon. The board then congratulated John Melancon, Jr. Port Attorney Bryce Autin swore in John Melancon Jr. as the newly appointed Board Member of the Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, Seat G. Mr. Melancon thanked the board for the appointment and took his seat on the board.

President Griffin presented for the board's consideration to adopt a proclamation ordering a special election and setting qualifying and election dates. Director Chiasson stated that the qualifying dates would be February 9-11, 2011 with the special election on April 2, 2011 with a special general election on April 30, 2011 if necessary. Mr. Autin stated that he researched when we can and cannot have elections and April is the earliest date available which is during the municipal primary election of next year. Vizier questioned how much time we have until we call an election and can we wait a year or is it the next available date, which Mr. Autin stated that the board has to decide within 10 days of the vacancy which is today or tomorrow. There is a statute that states your options which are in April or at the Governor's election in November of next year. Vizier stated so we can wait until November, which Mr. Autin replied he believes the board can wait but the intent of the statute is to have an election as early as possible. Vizier questioned if there is an election in April or the board will have to pay for it, which Mr. Autin stated there is an election in April for municipal officers that is scheduled. Vizier questioned how much it will cost, which Mr. Autin was unsure of the cost. Chiasson stated that the cost will depend on what other elections are being held in the 10<sup>th</sup> ward. Since it is a municipal election in

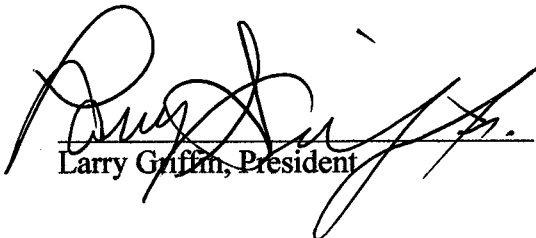
April they may have some elections in Golden Meadow, regardless the Port will have to pay some fee. Vizier would rather wait for the Governor's election in November. We don't have to be in a hurry especially if it will cost us more money. Upon motion by Perry Gisclair and second by Chuckie Cheramie, the board approved to discuss setting the election date. Cheramie requested that the staff find out what the cost will be for both election dates. Mr. Autin stated that if so the board has to make a decision by tomorrow afternoon. Lafont stated that every time we have an election we have to pay no matter what. The intention of the law is to have the election on the closest date. We will get a bill no matter which one we choose. The cost should not have anything to do with it. He recommended we have the election as early as possible. Vizier stated that if Golden Meadow has an election we will be paying full cost for the rest of the 10<sup>th</sup> ward. He recommended we wait for November. Collins questioned when the board's next election, which Chiasson replied 2 years. Guidry questioned if there is a deadline to have an election, which Mr. Autin stated that you have to set it for one of the dates given within a year. Director Chiasson stated after he reviewed the law his interpretation is that you hold the election at the next available date given. Gisclair stated that they both looked at the laws and recommend April election. He also recommends April election. Upon motion by Chuckie Cheramie and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board approved the proclamation which reads as follows: *"Be it resolved and proclaimed, by the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, pursuant to LA R.S. 18:402(E), 18:467, and 18:468 that a special election will be held for Board of Commissioners of the Greater Lafourche Port Commission, Seat G, to fill the vacancy created by the October 18, 2010 death of John J. Melancon, Sr. according to the following dates: Qualifying dates of February 9-11, 2011; Special election on April 2, 2011; and Special general election if necessary on April 30, 2011."* The vote resulted in 8 yeas and 1 nay by Vizier.

Upon motion by Ervin Bruce and second by Wilbert Collins, the board unanimously approved the Election of Treasurer by nomination and roll call vote. President Griffin nominated Jimmy Guidry to serve as Treasurer which was seconded by Wilbert Collins. With no other nominations, nominations were closed. The board had a roll call vote which resulted in 8 yeas by Cheramie, Gisclair, Lafont, Collins, Griffin, Melancon, Guidry, Bruce and 1 nay by Vizier. Guidry thanked the board for the Treasurer position. President Griffin then appointed Perry Gisclair to the Executive Committee of the Board.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Jimmy Guidry, the board unanimously approved the DOTD Resolution to Advertise for Slip B 1871 LF Bulkhead project.

Upon motion by Jimmy Lafont and second by Ervin Bruce, the board adjourned the special meeting.

ATTEST:

  
Larry Griffin, President

  
Wilbert Collins, Secretary